[Project No. 6903-036]

Battenkill Hydro Associates; Notice of Intent to File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, Approving Use of The Traditional Licensing Process

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

- a. Type of Filing: Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.
- b. Project No.: 6903-036
- c. Date Filed: February 1, 2021
- d. Submitted By: Battenkill Hydro Associates (Battenkill Hydro)
- e. Name of Project: Middle Greenwich Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: On the Batten Kill, a tributary of the Hudson River in Washington County, New York. The project does not occupy any federal land.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations
- h. Potential Applicant Contact: Mr. Lewis Loon, General Manager, Operations and Maintenance USA, Krueger Energy, 423 Brunswick Ave., Gardiner, ME 04345; (207) 203-3027; Lewis.Loon@kruger.com.
- i. FERC Contact: Andy Bernick at (202) 502-8660; or e-mail at andrew.bernick@ferc.gov.
- j. Battenkill Hydro filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on February 1, 2021. Battenkill Hydro provided public notice of its request on January 20, 2021. In a letter dated March 17, 2021, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Battenkill Hydro's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.
- k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402. We are also initiating consultation with the New York State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National

Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

- 1. With this notice, we are designating Battenkill Hydro as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and consultation pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
- m. Battenkill Hydro filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.
- n. A copy of the PAD may be viewed and/or printed on the Commission's website (http://www.ferc.gov), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field, to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208 3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).
- o. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a subsequent license for Project No. 6903. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.8, 16.9, and 16.10 each application for a subsequent license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by April 30, 2024.
- p. Register online at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp to be notified via e-mail of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: March 17, 2021.

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

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